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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re Application: Vincent P. NERO ] GRP ART UNIT: 1764  
Serial No: 10/814,214 ] Ex.: SINGH, PREM C  
Filed: 03/31/2004 ]

For: PRE-TREATMENT OF HYDROCARBON FEED PRIOR TO OXIDATIVE  
DESULFURIZATION

**Certification under 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)**

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with The United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to The Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on **OCTOBER 26, 2006.**

  
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

The Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated September 26, 2006 setting a 1-month shortened statutory period for a reply set to expire on October 26, 2006.

The notice sets forth various non-compliant aspects of Applicant's previous amendment dated September 15, 2006. The Applicant addresses each aspect of that notice below.

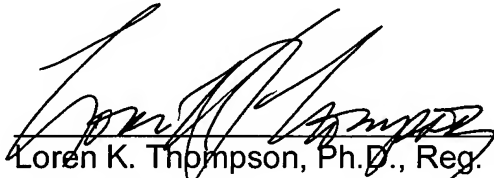
The drawings are objected to because the drawings are not properly identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet", "Annotated Sheet" as required by 37 CFR1.121(d) The Applicant herewith submits properly labeled Replacement Sheets and Annotated Sheets for Figure 1.

The Applicant believes that each of the points raised in the notice have now been addressed, and respectfully requests reconsideration of the previous amendment.

The Applicant believes that no additional fee is required but if this is not the case, please charge the requisite fee (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit Account No. 12-0400.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: October 26, 2006



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